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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-107-1]

Availability of Memorandum of Understanding With the Forest Service, USDA

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services, and the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has been renewed until September 3, 2003, and is available for examination by the public. The MOU establishes guidelines and policy for managing animal damage on National Forest System lands by clarifying the roles and cooperative responsibilities of the Forest Service and APHIS's Wildlife Services in the management of programs under the Animal Damage Control Act of 1931, as amended.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the MOU are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect the MOU are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. Copies of the MOU may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Martin Mendoza, Jr., Director, Operational Support, Wildlife Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Animal Damage Control Act of March 2, 1931, as amended (7 U.S.C. 426-426c), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to manage wildlife on National Forest System lands to protect humans, and prevent damage to agriculture, forests, wild game animals, fur-bearing animals, and birds.

The Secretary has assigned responsibility for managing wildlife damage to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services. The U.S. Forest Service is responsible for management of wildlife on National Forest System lands. In June of 1993, both agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which served to: (1) Identify responsibilities of the respective agencies and foster a partnership in discharging the Federal obligation under the Animal Damage Control Act, as amended, for the management of wild vertebrates causing damage on National Forest System lands; (2) establish general guidelines to assist field personnel in carrying out their animal damage management responsibilities consistent with policies of the U.S. Forest Service and Wildlife Services; and (3) strengthen the cooperative approach to animal damage management on National Forest System lands through exchange of information and mutual program support.

The MOU was set to expire after 5 years, and was renewed on September 3, 1998. This notice informs the public that the MOU is available for public inspection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of November 1998.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alaska Region; Legal Notices Required Under 36 CFR Part 215

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 36 CFR Part 215, Deciding Officers in the Alaska Region will publish Notices of Proposed

Actions and Notices of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal in the Legal Notice Section of the newspapers listed in the Supplementary Information Section of this Notice. As provided in 36 CFR 215.5, such notices shall constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive Notice of Proposed Actions and Notice of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal. Newspaper publication of Notices of Proposed Actions and Notices of Decisions is in addition to direct notice to persons who have requested notice in writing and to persons known to be interested in or affected by a specific proposal or decision.

DATES: Use of these papers for purposes of publishing Legal Notices of Proposed Actions and Notices of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal shall begin November 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherie Shelley, Regional Appeals Coordinator, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service, EPB, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628, Telephone (907) 586-8855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Deciding Officers in the Alaska Region will give Legal Notices of Proposed Actions and Notices of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal in the following newspapers which are listed by Forest Service administrative unit. Where more than one newspaper is listed for any unit, the first newspaper listed is the primary newspaper which shall be used to constitute legal evidence that the agency has given timely and constructive Notice of Proposed Actions and Notice of Decisions Subject to Administrative Appeal. As provided at 36 CFR 215.6, the time frame for public comment on proposed actions shall be based on the date of publication of the Notice in the primary newspaper.

Decisions by the Regional Forester:

Juneau Empire, published daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Alaska and for any decisions of Region-wide impact.

Anchorage Daily News, published daily in Anchorage, Alaska, for decisions affecting National Forest System lands in the State of Alaska and for any decisions of Region-wide impact. Decisions by Chugach Forest